



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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WEEKLY UPDATE MAY 31, 2006

Affordable housing is an ongoing issue that has been a priority for me since assuming office. I was very disappointed in the Judge's ruling last Friday that essentially stated that the City's affordable housing ordinance was illegal and that we, as a Council, could not require developers to pay a fee that goes towards building affordable housing in this City. We have collected over \$10 million in fees and with this ruling may have to give the money back. However, I am adamant about pursuing legal options to have the Judge reverse his opinion and prevent having to give back this money that is so beneficial to helping needy families get into homes. The Council agreed to a strategy that will hopefully accomplish this goal. We agreed to hire a law firm to assist the City Attorney with his efforts to change the Judge's ruling. However, it is very clear to me that this is not enough. I am encouraging my fellow Council members, building industry leaders, affordable housing advocates, community members, and other interested parties to come together and develop a strategy for building affordable housing throughout this city. I want a comprehensive strategy that can not be challenged in court and more importantly, will result in affordable housing being built and occupied by eligible families. I look forward to this matter being brought before the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee for a full and through discussion with all parties involved. I look forward to your support as together we develop an affordable housing strategy that improves the quality of life of all San Diego residents.

Summer is coming and our youth will be getting out of school and looking forward to a safe and joyful summer. On Saturday, June 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, the 4th Council District Youth Advisory Board will be hosting its 2nd Annual "Day in the 4th." I am very proud of the youth who work out of my office and with my staff member, Derrick White to have an event for all youth to promote a peaceful and violence free summer. This special event will feature Step Shows, 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, talented local singers, dancers, special guest celebrities, food and educational booths and many other attractions. It is my hope and desire that you join me and these exceptional youth at the Day in the 4th. Please bring your children and enjoy this excellent kick-off to the summer.

On Wednesday, May 31, 2006 several organizations including the San Diego NAACP, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Filipino American Community Empowerment, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, San Diego County Democratic Party, San Diego Urban League Young Professionals and many others will join moderator Dr. Shirley Weber for an informative panel discussion on the

Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. I encourage all of you to come and hear about the importance of reauthorizing this Act and the consequences if it is not reauthorized. I commend Dr. Weber and panelist Dr. Isidro Ortiz, Alfonso Villamora and Lei-Chala I Wilson for their outstanding efforts to educate the community about events and legislation that have major impacts on their lives. I look forward to you joining me at the Malcolm X Library at 6:30 tonight. An informative time will be had by all.

Tuesday, June 6th 2006 is Election Day. I encourage all of you to go vote. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to exercise your right to vote and encourage others to do the same.

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